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The Western Mass. Report

February 2012

In your town

2/3—Lieutenant Governor Murray visited with troops at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield. Click [here](#) for more information.

2/7—Governor Patrick announced probate and Family Court judicial nominations, including one for Hampshire County. Learn more [here](#).

2/15 —The Patrick-Murray Administration awarded over \$280,000 in planning grants to potential innovation schools across the Commonwealth, including a school in Greenfield. Click [here](#) to learn more.

2/23—Governor Patrick visited the Dunbar Center. Click [here](#) to learn more. (See photo on right.)

2/26—Lieutenant Governor Murray attended the wake for Marine Corporal Christopher Arzola in Westfield.



2/23/12 - Governor Patrick joined the YMCA of Greater Springfield and the Dunbar Community Center to celebrate the new Dunbar Y

In the Commonwealth

Governor Patrick signed a bill to freeze unemployment insurance rate increases to support MA business. Learn more [here](#).

Governor Patrick signed a bill to streamline and promote organ donation process in MA. Click [here](#) for more information.

Lt. Governor Murray signed executive order establishing the Commonwealth's military asset and security task force. Learn more [here](#).

Governor Patrick signed legislation to enhance the practice of nurse-midwives in MA. To learn more, click [here](#).

Save the Date!



Compliance Made Simple 3/29/12

A workshop for business owners

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Date:
Thu, March 29, 2012

Time:
4:00 - 5:30 pm
(Doors open at 3:30 pm)

Location:
MA Latino
Chamber of
Commerce
225 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

More info:
<http://www.wmasscompliance.eventbrite.com> or call
(413) 784-1200



A workshop for business owners

Compliance Made Simple

- Learn to identify and understand specific state laws and regulations that can benefit your business
- Get introductory information to develop wage, benefit, safety and health policies
- Become familiar with state and federal regulations and statutes and avoid costly mistakes
- Work towards compliance...simply
- Compliance Made Simple is a collaboration between the Dept. of Industrial Accidents, Dept. of Unemployment Insurance, and the Office of the Attorney General

Panelists:

Philip L. Hillman
Director, Department
of Industrial Accidents
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

Barbara Dillon DeSouza
Assistant Attorney General
Fair Labor Division
Office of Attorney General

Michelle Amante
Director of Revenue
Department of Unemployment
Assistance
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

This is a FREE event but you must register at

<http://WMASSCOMPLIANCE.EVENTBRITE.COM>

Parking: Metered parking along High St. or the municipal parking garage next to City Hall (536 Dwight Street)

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